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SUBJECT: INCREASING NATO INFORMATION EFFORT IN THE U.S.

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1. WE APPRECIATE PROMPT DISPATCH OF LETTER FROM NATIS
DIRECTOR KOREN TO USNATO PAA HAMILTON ELABORATING ON KOREN'S
PROPOSAL TO EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF NATO OPERATING ONE-MAN
OFFICE IN THE U.S.

2. WE HOLD ACTIVE INTEREST IN SEEKING TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVE-
NESS OF NATO INFORMATION EFFORT IN THE U.S. AND VIEW KOREN'S
PROPOSAL IN THAT LIGHT.

3. HOWEVER, WE ARE SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY SPEED BY WHICH
KOREN SEEKS TO MOVE HIS IDEA FORWARD PARTICULARLY
SINCE THIS IS MATTER WE BELIEVE REQUIRES APPROPRIATE CON-
SIDERATION AND STAFFING OUT HERE BEFORE DETERMINING WHETHER
TO PURSUE SUBJECT FURTHER.

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4. IN THAT CONNECTION, YOU SHOULD ASSURE KOREN WE WILL GIVE

FULL AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO HIS PROPOSAL BUT THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE U.S. POSITION ON THIS MATTER BY JUNE 21 AS HE ASKED. TO AVOID LATER MISUNDERSTANDINGS, YOU SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT TO KOREN THAT UNDER U.S.-NATO AGREEMENT REQUIRING SECONDING OF U.S. NATIONALS FOR NATO POSITIONS, GILES KELLY, WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE

QUALIFIED, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE POSITION IN ONE-MAN OFFICE IN THE U.S. SHOULD SUCH AN OFFICE BE ESTABLISHED.

5. FYI: WE HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL WHICH WE THINK DESERVES SERIOUS EXAMINATION AND ARE CONCERNED THAT GRANTING APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE NOW TO PURSUE EXPLORATION THIS IDEA WOULD SET IN MOTION MOMENTUM THAT WOULD THEN BE DIFFICULT TO CHECK SHOULD THOSE RESERVATIONS PROVE VALID. SOME FIRST REACTIONS HERE SUGGEST PREFERENCE FOR USING ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ENLARGING PROVEN NATO INFORMATION PROGRAMS DIRECTED TOWARD U.S., SUCH AS TEAM VISITS HERE AND LEADER-GROUP VISITS TO NATO, BEFORE OPENING AN OFFICE HERE. END FYI

6. WE WILL COMMUNICATE OUR VIEWS TO KOREN IN DUE COURSE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WHETHER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT FOR NATO INFORMATION OFFICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ANY MEMBER COUNTRY ON TERMS PROPOSED BY KOREN AND LIKELY REACTION OF ALLIANCE MEMBERS TO BUDGET REQUEST FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY OTHER COMMENTS MISSION MIGHT HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT. BROWN

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